



Patent  
Attorney's Docket No. 032304-040

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of	)	<b>MS NON-FEE AMENDMENT</b>
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John F. Shanley	)	Group Art Unit: 3731
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Application No.: 10/057,414	)	Examiner: Michael H. Thaler
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Filed: January 25, 2002	)	Confirmation No.: 9725
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For: EXPANDABLE MEDICAL DEVICE	)	
WITH TAPERED HINGE	)	
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**AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and the ☐ \$55.00 (2814) ☐ \$110.00 (1814) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.
- ☐ Also enclosed is/are \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$375.00 (2801) ☐ \$750.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted \_\_\_, on \_\_\_, for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least \_\_\_, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.
- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

A M E N D E D   C L A I M S					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADD'L FEE
Total Claims	37	MINUS 53 =	0	× \$18.00 (1202) =	0
Independent Claims	2	MINUS 7 =	0	× \$84.00 (1201) =	0
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (1203)					0
Total Claim Amendment Fee					0
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee					0
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$0.00

☐ Charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

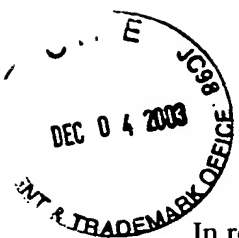
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated September 4, 2003, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

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